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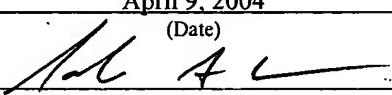
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Gregory H. Lambrecht et al.  
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Filed : December 19, 2003  
For : MINIMALLY INVASIVE  
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- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with twenty-three (23) references.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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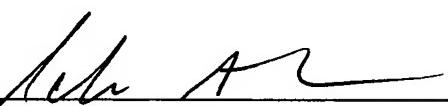
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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